

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 16, 2020

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. in the Rich Herrin Gymnasium. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer was led by Mark Minor. Shane Cockrum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Robin LaBuwi, Vice-President; Mitch Bennett, Secretary; Shane Cockrum, Mark Dyl and Kenny Irvin.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Wade Thomas, Principal.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Selection of Person to Fill Vacancy in a Public Office

Executive Session – Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel and Selection of Person to Fill Vacancy in a Public Office. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney entered into an Executive Session in the school commons at 5:03 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 5:18 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyl – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Wade Thomas, Principal.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Approve Minutes:** **Special Board Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2020**
 Special Executive Board Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2020
 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2020
 Executive Board Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2020
 Special Board Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2020
 Special Executive Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2020

5.2 Approve Financial Report (February 2020)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (February 2020)

5.4 Approve Financial Report (March 2020)

5.5 Approve Payment of Bills (March 2020)

5.6 Review/Approve Annual IHSA Membership (ENCL A)

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Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Mark Dyel – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Mitch Bennett – yes and Shane Cockrum – yes. Motion Carried.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

- Mr. Johnson gave updates on Building Projects, Remote Learning and the Bonding process.
- Mr. Thomas shared information regarding Graduation 2020.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the stipends to Ryan Miller and Aaron Webb as presented. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Approve/Appoint Board Member Shane Cockrum made a motion to appoint Marci Glover as Board of Education Member for the Benton Consolidated High School. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Assignment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to assign Michael Nowakowski, Gage Reeder, Collin Clark, and Anthony Nelson as summer 2020 student workers as needed. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Employment of Personnel Kenny Irvin made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Josie Anderson as teacher at the end of the 2019-20 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.4 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Robin LaBuwi made a motion to authorize the administration to post the open extra-curricular positions as available for the 20-21 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mitch Bennett made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of part time summer secretary as available for Summer 2020. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of summer behind-the-wheel driver's education teacher as available for Summer 2020. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of special education teacher as available for the 20-21 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.5 Review/Approve Bus Lease Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the bus lease proposal from Midwest Transit as presented. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this lease has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.6 Review/Approve Facility Work Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the painting project by RP Coatings as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Mitch Bennett – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Kenny Irvin – no, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Mark Minor - yes. Motion carried.

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9.7 Authorization to Give Notice of Invitation to Let Bids for East Gym HVAC Project Mark Minor made a motion to authorize the notice to let bids for the East Gym HVAC project as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

- Kenny Irvin questioned the affordability of paying staff during the shutdown.
- Mark Dyel questioned the timeline for air conditioning in the East Gym and the extra-curricular schedule for the summer.

11. ADJOURNMENT Kenny Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 P.M. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY